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**AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION**

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10 INVENTION: "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SENDING AND  
RECEIVING DATA IN AN SDH OR PDH  
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

15 Sir:

Applicants amend the above-identified PCT application as follows, and  
request entry of the Amendment prior to examination in the United States National  
Examination Phase.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

20 On page 1:

delete lines 1 and 2 and insert the following new title:

--APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SENDING AND  
RECEIVING DATA IN AN SDH OR PDH TRANSMISSION SYSTEM--

after line 2 as a separate line before line 3 insert the following heading:

25 --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

line 4, delete "/or"; and delete "," after "or" (second occurrence);

line 5, delete "respectively,;

line 7, delete ", respectively,;

line 10, delete ", for example,;" after "channel" insert --for example--;

30 replace "An" with --Thus, a higher--; and delete "that";